



House of Representatives

HOUSE INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE RULES 2005 -2006

1. The quorum for the Industrial Relations Committee shall be eight (8) members.
2. A bill, a resolution, or other matter will be considered only after presentation by its principal author or a legislator whom he or she designates to do so. In the event that more than one member of the General Assembly has signed a measure, the principal author shall be presumed to be the one whose name appears first on the list of authors.
3. The Committee shall convene recess or suspend, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman.
4. The Chairman shall determine the order in which measures are considered.
5. The Committee will not consider for the first time any measure originating in the House the final week of the session, except upon waiver by the Chairman.
6. The rules of the House will prevail in all matters not covered by Committee rules.
7. These rules may be amended upon motion duly made and subsequently approved by a majority of the members of the Committee.
8. Measures which affect the revenue of the State must include a proper estimate in writing of the dollar amount which the measure, if enacted, would increase or decrease the income of the State.
9. The Secretary of the Committee shall have a copy of these rules distributed to all members of the House.
10. Unless waived by the Chairman, no action will be taken on any bill or resolution assigned to the Committee at the first reading when it is first presented by its author or his/her designee.
11. Unless waived by the Chairman, all committee substitutes and amendments that are being offered for a full committee meeting shall be submitted to the Review Subcommittee, which shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary, twenty-four hours prior to a regularly scheduled full committee meeting. Upon review of the substitute(s) and or amendment(s), the Review

Subcommittee shall designate any of the following special rules in relation to the bills or resolutions to be amended:

(A) Open Rule: Germane amendments may be offered in accordance with the provision of these Committee Rules.

(B) Modified Structured Rule: Germane amendments designated by the Ways and Means Committee may be offered. This rule may preclude amendments to a particular portion of the bill or resolution, although other parts of the bill may be open to amendment.

(C) Structured Rule: No amendments may be offered.

- (11.1) The Chairman shall determine the germaneness of any proposed amendment and/or substitute. Same title or same code section shall not be presumed to be the sole precipitating determinate of germaneness.
- (11.2) In the event that a meeting is called that is not a regularly scheduled full committee meeting, it will be within the discretion of the Chairman to allow amendments and/or substitutes to be presented to the full committee.
- (11.3) The provisions of Rule 11 hereof shall not apply with respect to a minor or technical amendment which corrects items such as grammar, spelling, numbering, cross-references, effective dates, or otherwise corrects manifest typographical or other similar errors. The determination of whether an amendment is a minor or technical amendment shall be according to the judgment of the Chairman.
- (11.4) All regularly scheduled full committee meetings should be held on Wednesday of each week at 1:00 p.m. in Room 216 Capitol Building. It is within the discretion of the Chairman to alter the regularly scheduled full committee meeting schedule.
- (11.5) The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary will be Ex-officio voting members of all subcommittees.